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E. O. 11652: DECONTROL AFTER EVENT

TAGS: ELAB VS

SUBJECT: MINISTER OF LABOR TO INVITE USDL SECRETARY BRENNAN VISIT SAIGON.

1. WHEN TRAN QUOC BUU RETURNED FROM HIS RECENT TRIP TO THE US, HE TOLD MINISTER OF LABOR DAM SY HIEN THAT US SECRETARY OF LABOR PETER BRENNAN EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO VISIT SAIGON. HIEN HAS NOW RAISED MATTER WITH LABOR ATTACHE SAYING HE BELIEVES SEC BRENNAN'S PRESENCE IN SAIGON WOULD HELP TO SELL SOME OF HIS COLLEAGUES ON THE VALUE OF TRADE UNIONS IN DEVELOPING A STRONG VIABLE ECONOMY. THE FACT THAT SEC BRENNAN IS FROM THE US LABOR MOVEMENT WOULD, HE THOUGHT, ADD TO THE IMPACT HE WOULD HAVE WHILE IN SAIGON.

2. HIEN WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND AN INVITATION FOR ANY TIME CONVENIENT TO SEC BRENNAN. HOWEVER, HIEN POINTS OUT THE ONLY MONEY IN HIS BUDGET FOR CEREMONIES IS FOR LABOR DAY MAY 1. HE WOULD THEREFORE PREFER THAT DATE.

3. HIEN WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND THE INVITATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT DESIRES TO KNOW WHEN THE SECRETARY IS AVAILABLE.

4. COMMENT: WE WOULD WELCOME A VISIT BY SEC BRENNAN AND
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BELIEVE IT WOULD GIVE A USEFUL BOOST TO THE VIETNAMESE LABOR
MOVEMENT
WHICH PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE POLITICALLY AND ALSO TO THE GVN
MINISTRY OF LABOR. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT INFORMING US
WHETHER SEC BRENNAN WOULD BE ABLE TO ACCEPT AN INVITATION TO COME
TO SAIGON FOR A VISIT AS SUGGESTED BY MINISTER OF LABOR.
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